

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 9-31 remain pending.

Rejection of Claim 7 Under 35 USC 112 As Being Indefinite

In the final office action, the examiner correctly stated that Claim 7 includes the limitation that “entering the machine identifier into the database generates a report identifying machines that correspond with the machine identifier.” The examiner is also correct that there should only be one machine associated with each machine identifier (page 9, lines 16-18). The examiner interpreted Claim 7 correctly during the prosecution by assuming that each machine has a unique machine identifier.

The offending claim language in Claim 7 is amended herein to read: “entering the machine identifier into the database generates a report identifying any machine that ~~correspond~~ corresponds with the machine identifier.” Therefore, the rejection under 35 USC 112 has been overcome. Applicant appreciates the examiner’s careful review of the claims.

Fixing An Antecedent Basic Problem in Claim 16

Claim 16 had originally recited the step of: “tracking a respective history of each location within a casino, each said second history including a type of game at the location.” However, “said second history” had no antecedent basis. The language of Claim 16 has been amended herein to read: “tracking a respective second history of each location within a casino, each said second history including a type of game at the location.” No new issues are raised.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 408-382-0480 x202.

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